

Weatherization Program Notice 94-8

Effective Date - June 24, 1994

SUBJECT: 40 PERCENT WAIVER PROVISIONS FOR MOBILE HOME UNITS

PURPOSE: This program notice provides clarifying guidance previously issued under Weatherization Program Notice 93-14 on mobile home units weatherized by States which adopt the approved 4.0 version of NEAT or other similar approved energy audits and receive a waiver of the 40 percent requirement from DOE. These audits presently address only single family units. The scheduled implementation date for the DOE mobile home audit was to have been July 1994, however, this date has been delayed and the mobile home audit will likely be implemented late in Program Year 1994.

SCOPE: The provisions of this guidance apply to all grantees applying for financial assistance under the Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (Weatherization).

BACKGROUND: Title IV, Energy Conservation and Production Act as amended authorizes the Department of Energy to administer the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The final rule permits States to submit to DOE an energy audit for consideration as a waiver audit. A DOE-approved waiver audit will exempt the State from the 40 percent average materials requirement. A waiver audit may be an existing State audit, the National Energy Audit (NEAT), or a newly developed audit. All energy audits submitted for review as a waiver audit must meet the requirements of Section 440.21.

PROCEDURES: The procedures contained in this document are designed to be used in conjunction with Weatherization Program Notice 94-1, Program Year 1994 Weatherization Grant Guidance in developing or amending the annual grant application.

POLICY: Weatherization Program Notice 93-14 issued November 24, 1993 provided that States which receive a waiver of the 40 percent requirement as a result of adopting an approved waiver audit, will have this waiver extended to cover both multi-family and mobile homes for an interim period until approved audits are available for these type units. This extension was granted provided either mobile homes and/or multi-family units did not represent a "significant portion" of the total units weatherized in that particular State. A "significant portion" was defined as more than one-third of the total units weatherized in a State.

The provisions for granting an interim waiver for multi-family units as discussed in WPN 93-14 remain unchanged since DOE has approved a State-developed multi-family audit and made this audit generally available to all States.

States which receive an interim waiver for mobile home units will still be required to adopt the DOE developed mobile home audit when that audit becomes available, or adopt an approved alternate mobile home audit that meets the waiver requirements of Section 440.21 of the final rule. As stated earlier, the scheduled implementation date for the DOE mobile home audit was to be July 1994, however, this date has been delayed and the mobile home audit will likely be

available late in Program Year 1994. Therefore, States that are under a waiver audit which includes a waiver covered in this guidance will be exempt from any limit on the percentage of mobile home completions as mentioned above for the remainder of Program Year 1994. DOE expects this requirement to be reinstated for Program Year 1995 and this issue will be discussed in subsequent guidance.

It continues to be DOE's goal that all States affected by this action will have integrated their programs with the necessary audits to cover the three major types of dwelling units as they become available. For states which have an approved waiver audit in place, the effective date of this guidance for those individual States will correspond to the date their waiver audit was approved.

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